

regarding this matter has led to confusion in an industry that has historically not been subject to regulation by FDA.

These establishments provide necessary agricultural inputs to growers of food, feed, fiber and fuel stocks. In some instances, seed grown in Southern Hemisphere countries is imported to provide American farmers fresh, quality seed for spring planting. Seed intended for planting is not food or feed and should not be regulated as such, at the border or anywhere else. It is not the intent of this bill to do so.

HONORING LONG-TIME COMMUNITY LEADER AND ACTIVIST MS. SHIRLEY ROBERTS

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 13, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Ms. Shirley Roberts, who passed away on December 7, 2010, at the age of 79. My heart goes out to her son, Chuck Henry; the many dear and loving friends that she embraced as her family; and all the people whose lives she touched and helped make better.

Born in Los Angeles, Shirley was an extraordinary citizen, a champion of progressive causes, and a vibrant mainstay in Democratic politics. She attended Fairfax High School and graduated from UCLA with a degree in business administration. Shirley's love of politics and human rights ran deep in her family. Her parents, Bernard and Esther, were dedicated to causes to improve conditions for the working poor. By 1944, Shirley would follow their example by co-chairing the American Youth for [Franklin D.] Roosevelt organization for Los Angeles County.

Shirley later went on to support Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles. An early advocate for better health care services for all Los Angeles residents, she served on the Mayor's staff and initiated outreach support programs for better nutrition, transportation, long-term care, and escort programs for seniors.

In addition, Shirley was a community activist in her home of West Hollywood. When rent prices increased sharply in the early 1980s, Shirley joined other West Hollywood residents to support the city's incorporation to better serve its diverse residents. The effort succeeded, and the city has since been a leader in providing social services to the people who call it home. In subsequent years, she would serve on the West Hollywood Human Services Commission and the West Hollywood Election Reform Task Force.

Shirley was also a tireless and tenacious force aiding numerous local, state, and national campaigns of Southern California's progressive political stars, including former Congresswoman and U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, Congressman Henry Waxman, Senator Sheila Kuehl, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and City Controller Wendy Greuel.

Shirley was generous with her friendship, guidance, and wisdom in the lives she touched. Her activism, leadership, and commitment to those who were most vulnerable will be deeply missed. I urge all my House col-

leagues to join me in honoring our community hero, Shirley Roberts, for her remarkable service and contributions to the City of Angels and to our country.

HONORING DR. JAY SHERIDAN

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 13, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a teacher from my district who recently retired. This teacher has given the past 40 years of his life to improve the quality of public education in his community of Yuma, Arizona.

Dr. Jay Sheridan has been a teacher at Yuma High School in Yuma, Arizona for almost 40 years. He was born in Clinton, Iowa in 1943. His father was a B-26 pilot in the 8th Air Force in Europe, and Sheridan and his mother resided with her parents in the village of Thomson, Illinois in the months after his birth. In November 1948, Sheridan, his parents and his sister moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sheridan attended kindergarten in Greendale, Wisconsin, one of President Franklin Roosevelt's planned communities from the 1930s. He continued his elementary education at Valley View School, a small country school near Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Sheridan's family then moved to the Elm Grove, Wisconsin area in 1959, and Sheridan graduated from Brookfield Central High School in 1962. Sheridan then moved to the great State of Arizona to study at the University of Arizona, my alma mater. He graduated eight short semesters later with a degree in English and a minor in philosophy.

After graduating, Sheridan went to law school at Valparaiso University. Shortly after entering law school Sheridan was drafted into the military in 1967. He honorably served our country in Vietnam from August of 1968 to July of 1969 in the 1st Battalion, 69th Armor (4th Infantry Division).

After Sheridan was honorably discharged, he enrolled at Northern Arizona University to pursue a Master of Arts degree in English. He was awarded his degree in May of 1972 and accepted an offer as an English teacher at Yuma High School. In the summer of 1972, Sheridan met his wife Sally, a Yuma native. The two were married the following summer and have now been married 37 years. Sally, also a teacher, gave countless years to the Yuma community just as her husband did.

Sheridan was appointed Chair of the English Department at Yuma High in 1973 and spent his entire professional career at Yuma High. He taught every level of English during the course of his teaching career. Beginning in the early 1980s, he began teaching the National Advanced Placement (AP) English Literature and Composition course and assisted hundreds of students in earning passing scores on the national exam.

Sheridan completed his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Arizona in August 1979 on the high school English department chair position in secondary schools west of the Mississippi River. He became chair of the Modern Languages department (in addition to the English department), with supervisory responsibilities over English as a Second Language,

French, German and Spanish classes. At one time, in addition to his teaching duties, Sheridan had supervisory responsibilities over more than thirty teachers at Yuma High School. Sheridan also taught part-time for Northern Arizona University/Yuma for a number of years (advanced composition and English teaching methods).

In 2001, Sheridan was awarded the honor of Yuma County High School Teacher of the Year by the Education Foundation of Yuma.

Sheridan accomplished a great deal during his time at Yuma High School. His proudest achievement was helping Yuma High earn first place in the district on the state AIMS writing exam for 2006, 2007 and 2008. He also recalls with fondness the yearly student trips to the Old Globe Theater in San Diego, which he organized and supervised for more than a decade. Students read, analyzed, and discussed a Shakespeare play in August and September of each year, and then two busloads of Yuma High students would travel to San Diego to view the play they had studied. Students were able to engage in analytical conversations with the actors immediately following the performances. Sheridan again gave Yuma High students opportunities that many could otherwise not afford.

Dr. Sheridan retired from Yuma High School in May of 2010. He remains in touch with a few hundred of his former students and he continues to encourage them in their college and professional endeavors. In almost 40 years Sheridan has touched the lives of thousands of students who have passed through the halls of Yuma High School. He encouraged students who doubted they were ready for advanced placement classes to work hard and pass the test. He kindled students' love for literature and Shakespeare in one short year. He pushed students to their limits and encouraged higher education for all of them.

Dr. Sheridan is a rare teacher that only comes around once in a lifetime. I am honored that he chose to give almost 40 years of his life to a public school in my district. He will be irreplaceable.

Jay and Sally are looking forward to spending their retirement productively by traveling and writing. The couple has two grown children, Jill and Jay Jr. Jill is an RN in Grand Junction, Colorado. Jay Jr. recently received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Parks and Recreation Management from Northern Arizona University.

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SPEECH OF

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the DREAM Act and in support of thousands of Florida students—and families and businesses in my community—who will benefit when we pass it.

Our great Nation is built upon the fundamental principles of liberty, equality and opportunity.

These values apply to all, except for a small group of young people who have been stuck